

Lanchester Parish Council

**Minutes of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee
held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday
30 January 2013 at 7.15 pm**

Present Mr C Burton (Chair)

Mr K Harrison, Mr M Wardle, Mr K Leary
Mr S Walker, Mr B Glass, Mr A Nairn,
Mr O Johnson, Mr M Clarke, Mr A Myers,
Mr P Jackson

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:
Mr B Gray - away
Mrs M Gray - away

The above apologies were received and accepted

17/13 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

18/13 Public Participation

The public participation policy was distributed for the benefit of the public present.

19/13 Budget Position

The Lead Officer presented the finance information.
Recommended - that the report be received

20/13 Lanchester Miners' Banner Group

Members were informed of progress and considered the minutes and actions from the last meeting. They were informed that a Heritage Lottery Bid application was being developed to part fund the project, along with an application to the County Council Members Initiative Fund.

Members were also informed that if the project successfully achieves its aims and a replica banner is produced, there will be a requirement for the Parish Council to insure this item alongside the original banner.

Recommended that:

- (i) the information be received
- (ii) the Council agrees to insure the replica banner as required

21/13 Christmas Lights

Members agreed that the investment in the new energy efficient LED lights on the middle tree on the Village Green had provided a good display and were an improvement on the existing provision which is dated. Following this successful trial, funding is currently being sought to enable the remaining six trees on the Village Green to also receive new LED lights. The outcome of a bid to the County Council Members Initiative Fund is currently awaited.

Members discussed the Christmas Light Switch On event and agreed that a more community based event centred around the Village Green would be good.

Recommended - that options for the event are drawn up for consideration at a future meeting

22/13 Lynwood

Mike Wardle gave Members an update on the Lynwood Care Centre Community Interest Company (CIC) and its involvement with the current Lynwood project.

The CIC have explored the community space and although they remain committed to a community function within the project they were unable to identify a community use at present. Derwentside Homes in progressing the project are asking the CIC to give its specifications for the community space which given the circumstances they are struggling to provide. The CIC are awaiting a meeting with Derwentside Homes to discuss further.

It may be that the CIC will withdraw from the Lynwood development and suggest that the Parish Council or another community organisation take over the space and run the community element.

Members considered that they would need more detailed information to consider such an option, particularly regarding costs and lease conditions.

Recommended - that this item is placed on the full council agenda for a fuller discussion

The Council gave its thanks to Mike Wardle for his work over recent years on this project.

23/13 Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 30 May 2013

Members considered the opportunity to nominate a Councillor to attend the event.

Recommended - that Paul Jackson be nominated.

24/13 Display Cabinet

Members considered various options and prices for a display cabinet to be located in the conference room at Park House.

Recommended - that a floor standing display cabinet be purchased at a cost of £140.00

25/13 Tree Surveys

Members considered the areas of land under its control and the number of trees located there and the need to maintain the trees safely.

Recommended that:

- (i)** a tree company is engaged to undertake a survey of the trees
- (ii)** any urgent tree work is undertaken

26/13 Date of next meeting

Recommended - that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 27 March at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House

Business concluded at 8.10pm